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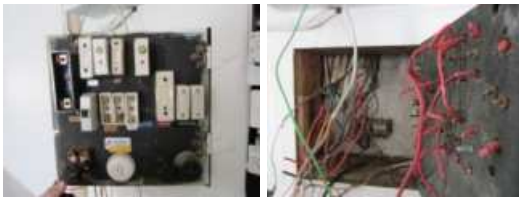
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New Deck & Wheel Chair Ramp



Church Rewiring



Salvation

Ladies Retreat



Family (Heritage) Camp



Praises

- Discipleship Class ● Homiletics Class
- Churches supporting NZBBTP

Prayers

- Souls to be saved ● Spiritual & physical church growth ● NZBBTP ● Discipleship classes ● Homiletics Class

Another year has come and gone, and God has blessed as well as sustained us during this difficult year. Here is just a few things that God has done in 2011:

- 8 Received Christ as their Savior
- Rewired church and built deck on church
- 16 Discipled
- Debbie's dad went to be with the Lord.
- Taught homiletics course
- Organized New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program to begin in March 2012



I recently gave a devotion at a combined youth group and birthday party. There were over 40 people present and two of the youth received Christ as their Lord and Savior. To God be the glory! Both were first time visitors and one has attended our youth group.

A team of ten came from Rotorua Bible Baptist to help with some work that needed to be done on our building. We rewired the sanctuary and moved the power meters from inside to outside the church. We also built a deck with a handicap ramp at the back entrance of the church. We still have some additional rewiring to do, but what was done was a true blessing from God. We want to thank those who have sent money to help with these projects.

Debbie took some of our ladies to a retreat in Hamilton, where she was asked to speak. She spoke on Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose." There were about eighty women from eight different churches who attended. The ladies were encouraged in their walk with the Lord and each other.

I have discipled 13 this year and have been working with three more. I told you I started with a mother, her son and his best friend, in our last prayer letter. The best friend was the young man that got saved last April at teen camp. I was very excited when this young man told me that he stood up in his class and gave a speech on his hero "Jesus." Sadly his school, family and friends have led him astray and he is no longer with us. We've tried to encourage him to come back, but he hasn't yet. Please pray that he will return. The other two have continued with the discipleship program.

We just finished having our annual family camp with over a hundred present. The objective of this camp was how we can pass on a godly heritage to our future generations. Thus we had lessons and messages from the Word of God focusing on being Godly grandparents, parents, adult children and children.

I am finishing a Homiletics class that I started in September. We began with four students, but one had to drop the course due to work demands. This has been a blessing as one of the students (Tim Dann), will begin doing some preaching next year on Sunday nights. I look forward to seeing what God will do with him, as he has surrendered to serve God full-time. He plans to attend the New Zealand Baptist Bible Training Program (NZBBTP) in 2012.

Please continue praying for the NZBBTP. It is going to begin as scheduled in March this year. We are finishing up the handbook and posters, which will be sent to all the churches that are involved with the program, as well as those who have not yet gotten involved. We are not sure how many students will attend the program as yet, but there are two who will be from our church. Our church will be hosting the first two classes: Computer Applications and Hermeneutics. The students will travel to Wellington, Rotorua, and Hamilton for additional classes.

Thank you for your giving and prayers so that we can serve the Lord in New Zealand. I also want to thank those who have given extra for the building program at Harvest Baptist Church. Your missionaries: Guy, Debbie & Erin Bankston.